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Message of Greetings sent by State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of the Workers' Day

1 May 2021

Esteemed workers,
I extend this message of greetings on the occasion of Workers' Day. May the entire workers in Myanmar; all the workers worldwide, including Myanmar migrant workers, and the people enjoy fruitful results of their good deeds and their socio-economic lives.

All global countries celebrate Workers' Day that falls on 1 May every year. Likewise, I send this message in honour of all the Myanmar workers who are the main force essential for developing the State economy in Myanmar.

In the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Myanmar encountered losses in socio-economic lives in all sectors affected by COVID-19. Amidst difficulties, crises and challenges, the government, on this opportune occasion, would like to explain the endeavours to serve the interests of its citizen workers and create the appropriate job opportunities.

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SAC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin), development tasks in Yangon Region



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is making an inspection tour at the No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) in Yangon Region yesterday.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy in Thanlyin Township of Yangon Region yesterday afternoon.

Managing Director U Aung Myint of MPE reported to the Senior General on halting the factory's operation as of 2017 and future plan. The Senior General discussed still requirements of fuel at home and importing many tonnes of fuel abroad on a monthly basis and plans to upgrade the transport route for the smooth import process.

The Senior General and party inspected the oil tanks, jetty, canned lubricant factory and oil refineries in the factory compound. After hearing the reports of officials,

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international in-

- vestment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Message of Greetings sent by State Administration Council Chairman
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of the Workers' Day

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Esteemed workers,

Emphasizing the role of workers steadfastly, the government disbursed loans to businesspersons, who suspended their businesses for various reasons during the outbreak of COVID-19, in order to sustain their factories and industries and ensure the employment of the jobless workers.

The Social Security Board accepted registration of 36,670 insured workplaces and 1,248,354 insured employees and allotted K69,109.58 million for 1,410,194 cases of entitlement from the 2014-2015 financial year up to the end of February 2021. Moreover, the amount of K67,912.467 million, 40 per cent of entitlement as social security assistance, was disbursed to 1,583,533 insured workers from temporarily closed factories during the COVID-19 period when the combined teams inspected factories whether they conformed with health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population provides 40 per cent of the salaries as social security cash assistance to the workers from the factories, which were damaged by fire. Jobless workers from those factories are also appropriately re-employed.

The government holds negotiation with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, relevant businesspersons and organizations in order to seek solutions for the resumption and continuous operation of factories and industries, including the labour-intensive garment industry.

Labour offices are being run across the nation for the people to grasp job opportunities. The government assigns mobile teams to go right down to the areas where the labour offices cannot be opened yet for seeking employment, cooperates with local employment agencies and holds the job fairs where employers and job seekers can negotiate for the job processes through one-stop service to cut time and money.

Esteemed workers,

The government has managed to soonest repatriate Myanmar workers and Myanmar citizens back home. They are stranded in foreign countries for a long time in various difficulties due to the suspension

of international flights during the COVID-19 period.

In so doing, a total of 1,086 Myanmar citizens being detained under punishments at detention centres in Malaysia for lack of identity, based on various reasons. And, 70 Myanmar citizens arriving in India were brought back home by the naval vessel of the Tatmadaw.

Similarly, a total of 12,416 Myanmar citizens missing chances to return home by facing difficulties were sent back home by relief flight, while 26,681 Myanmar citizens re-entered Myanmar through border crossings. The government gave a helping hand to those citizens to receive test and prevention of COVID-19 and return to their respective native areas on a smooth process. In addition, arrangements were made to secure employment for them in Myanmar and attend the skill courses for their respective professions.

The government drafted the forced labour elimination action plan (2019-2021) and established the national complaint machinery for forced labour to resolve the complaints.

As Myanmar labours were sent to foreign countries under the 1999 Overseas Employment Law via overseas employment licensed agencies, a total of 1,322,386 Myanmar labour have been sent from 1990 to February 2021. Labour attachés were assigned in the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Malaysia for helping Myanmar labour enjoy entitlements under the laws of respective countries, whereas Myanmar embassies in international countries give necessary protection for those Myanmar labours.

Meetings to raise awareness of labour affairs were held between employers and employer organizations as well as workers and labour organizations in the Union territory, regions and states with the aim of enabling the employers and employees to have knowledge about proper exercises of fair workplace relations system, leadership, supervisions, labour law and policies.

Tripartite cooperation among the government, employers, and employees focuses on labour affairs with the formation of 3,102 employer and employee organizations under the Labour Organization Law-2011 according to the ILO Convention 87 for freedom of association and protection of the right to organize Myanmar ratified.

Esteemed workers,

The State Administration Council is implementing the five-point roadmap and nine political, economic and social objectives after taking over the State's power according to the Constitution (2008). COVID-19 pandemic affected businesses included in the five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council must be remedied in various ways as quickly as possible through cooperation and endeavours of the government, the strength of the labour forces, and all intellectual and intelligentsia people.

Moreover, it can vividly be seen that stabilizing the market economic system and creating the job opportunities to manufacture many products of the State in line with the objectives of the economic affairs are much expanded on the implementation of capable labour forces.

The government is striving for ensuring fair rights and protection without harming the interests of both employers and employees. As the competitiveness of the labour market will rise in accord with the free migration of skilled workers included in the roadmap of the ASEAN Economic Community being implemented in the ASEAN region, Myanmar labour need to compete with those at home and employees in the ASEAN region. As such, they have to make preparations to have skills in respective sectors if investments of foreign countries flow into Myanmar.

As now is an opportune time to make utmost efforts for the country's development, all need to abide by the laws, rules and disciplines. That is why the tripartite endeavours of the government, the employers and the employees can soonest strengthen the State economy for the long term development of the State. Consequently, the production volume will increase while health, education and social sectors will meet improvement simultaneously. As such, employers and employees should understandably join hands with each other to strive for the emergence of a stable and peaceful environment.

That is why I'd like to sincerely urge the workers, which is the force playing a pivotal role in the economic development of the State, to fully cooperate with the government in its steadfast implementation so as to improve the socio-economic lives of the people and emerge a stable and peaceful environment.

Myanmar needs to emphasize preventive measures of COVID-19

ENCOURAGEMENT should be given to the people to take physical exercises for their healthiness. Myanmar’s expected lifespan is about 66 years, which is less than those of other countries. Priority must be given to uplift the health sector for ensuring the health and fitness of the people. As the infectious rate of COVID-19 is high in some countries, including India, Myanmar needs to emphasize preventive measures of COVID-19.

(Excerpt from the speech to the Management Committee meeting made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 23 April 2021)

SAC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects No 1 Oil ...

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the Senior General instructed them to strive for re-operating some factories to meet the domestic fuel demand on one hand and attend to the needs.
The Senior General and party visited the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Portugal Church) built in locally-called Yenangon near the refinery in 1749 AD and instructed officials to maintain the ancient building for long term existence.
The Senior General met

with members of Yangon Region Administration Council and departmental personnel at the office of the regional council on 11 April and discussed regional development and needs of undertaking the prioritized tasks, which practically benefit the lives of the people, such as prevention of flooding and inundation in the city in monsoon, enforcement of traffic rules, sanitation and beautifying of the city, and sufficiency of water in the dry season. With regard to



The Senior General and party visit the 1749-built Portugal Church in Thanlyin.

his guidance, the Senior General inspected the progress of the tasks to mitigate flooding and inundation this monsoon implemented by the Yangon City Development Committee yesterday afternoon.
The Senior General inspect-

ed the drain as river outlet on Bo Myat Tun Road in Botahtaung Township, No 10 sluice gate at the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Strand Road in Kyauktada Township, and the river outlet of Ywathit Creek in Lanmadaw Township. Chairman of Yangon

Region Administration Council U Hla Soe, Mayor U Bo Htay and officials reported to the Senior General on work progress. The Senior General instructed them to systematically carry out the tasks for further mitigation of flooding and inundation. — MNA



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party are viewing the river outlet of Ywathit Creek in Lanmadaw Township.

Increased production of quality meat and fish through region-wise livestock farms will help people consume meat and fish at fair prices: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is hearing the work progress reports at the Thilawa multiple agriculture and livestock zone yesterday.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress in implementing Thilawa multiple agriculture and livestock zone between Yangon River and Hmawwun Creek in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

At the hall of the breeding zone, the Senior General heard reports on the progress of Thilawa multiple agriculture and livestock zone, 26th-mile multiple agriculture and livestock zone, and operating Shwemuyin fish farm in Twantay Township in cooperation with Silver Sea Livestock and Fishery Company Ltd, implementation of multiple agriculture and livestock zones and progress of work operations by officials.

In his response to the reports, the Senior General said that the agriculture and livestock zones in Yangon Region aim to

ensure the food sufficiency of local people in the region. Efforts are being made to breed fish and duck at Thilawa multiple agriculture and livestock zone and Shwemuyin fish farm and oxen and dairy cows, pigs, poultry, and goats at the 26th-mile multiple agriculture and livestock zone in order to meet the livestock and fish demand of Yangon Region.

The increased production of quality meat and fish through region-wise livestock farms will help the people consume meat and fish at fair prices with effectiveness to raising the consumption rate of meat and fish of the people. As such, the people will be healthy and fit. Consequently, they will be capable of operating the businesses for the development of the State.

The Senior General stressed the need to sell livestock and fish in the market at fair prices so as to reduce the high prices of these products. Moreover, it is necessary to strive for exporting



The Senior General is looking into the fish breeding.

livestock and fish products to the foreign market. Arrangements should be made as a model for carrying out the long term livestock tasks. Research on hatching must be done for having necessary quality pedigree species for the livestock breeding sector.

Fingerlings are released into rivers and creeks continuously for ensuring plentiful fish resources.

With regard to agriculture, it is necessary to conduct agricultural researches to obtain quality strains of crops so as to cultivate the high yield and

quality paddy strains to be able to produce quality rice which is the primary staple food. Efforts must be made not only for meeting the local rice demand but also for importing rice to foreign countries. The Senior General stressed the need to collect the quality seeds of crops, systematically prepare the soils for cultivation, apply the correct agricultural methods and ensure the sufficiency of water. If so, farmers will have quality agricultural products. As such, it is necessary to continuously supply meat, fish and agricultural products not only to military families but also to the people at fair prices.

The Senior General inspected duck eggs from the duck farm from Multiple Agriculture and Livestock Zone, hatching of fingerlings, farming tasks of fish and breeding of duck at the livestock zone. —MNA



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is viewing the duck breeding.

Announcement on Extension of the Precautionary Restriction Measures Relating to Control of the COVID-19 Pandemic until 31 May 2021

1. With a view to the further strengthening of measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has issued the following announcements regarding temporary entry restrictions for visitors from all countries. All those restrictions were extended until 30 April 2021 by the Ministry's announcement dated 31 March 2021.
 - (a) Announcement dated 15 March 2020 regarding precautionary measures for all travellers visiting Myanmar;
 - (b) Announcement dated 20 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers visiting Myanmar and temporary suspension of issuance of visa on Arrival and e-visa;
 - (c) Announcement dated 24 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers from all countries visiting Myanmar;
 - (d) Announcement dated 28 March 2020 regarding temporary suspension of all types of visas (including social visit visas) and visa exemption services.
2. In order to continue its effective response measures to protect the population of the country from the risks of importation and spread of the COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has decided to extend the afore-mentioned entry restriction measures until 31 May 2021.
3. In case of urgent official missions or compelling reasons, foreign nationals, including diplomats and United Nations officials, who wish to travel to Myanmar by available relief or special flights, may contact the nearest Myanmar Mission for possible exception with regard to certain visa restrictions. However, all visitors must abide by existing directives issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports relating to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated, 30 April 2021

Union Minister U Ko Ko visits National University of Arts and Culture, State High School of Fine Arts, Shwe Nan Daw Monastery in Mandalay

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko inspected the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay) yesterday.

During his visit, Rector U Aung San Oo clarified the preparations being made for the re-opening of Master of Arts and postgraduate diploma courses while Assistant Director U Tint Naing Soe of State High School of Arts (Mandalay) briefed other preparations. Then, the Union Minister said the schools were closed over one year due to COVID-19 pandemic and so the SAC makes efforts to reopen the schools not to leave behind in education sector. The Master of Arts and postgraduate diploma courses will be conducted at the National Universities of Arts and Culture in line with the COVID-19 health rule on 1 June.

It also should arrange classes, teaching aid materials and accommodation of students when the State High School of Fine Arts (Mandalay) is reopened on 3 May.

The Union Minister met the staff officers and instructed the need to be free from party politics and carry out the duties in accordance with the ethics of civil service personnel and to follow the main duties of National Universities of Arts and Culture, State High School of Fine Arts in teaching the new generations. The Union Minister and party also inspected the construction works of school building and staff housing unit in university compound.

The Union Minister also attended the alms donation ceremony at Ma Soe Yein Taik Thit in Mahaaungmyay Township in



The MoRAC Union Minister is paying the inspection tours in Mandalay yesterday.

Mandalay. Union Minister and party firstly took five precepts from State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotikadhaja Baddanta Kesara Bhivamsa of Dhamma Banaka Monastery of Ma Soe Yein Taik Thit. He explained the donation of K10 million worth of alms endowment and donated rice and other offertories. Union Minister U Ko Ko and Mandalay Region State Administration Council Chairman U Maung Ko also visited the Shwe Nan Daw Monastery in Mandalay. — MNA

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win makes inspection tour to Mandalay

UNION Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win made inspection tours to hospitals in Mandalay Region, Mandalay University of Medicine, Public Health Laboratory and the Sub-Division of the Food and Drugs Administration-Mandalay on 28 and 29 April.

On 28 April, the Union Minister arrived at the Meiktila General Hospital in the afternoon and also met the hospital staff. He instructed the immediate comprehensive implementation of hospital activities and preven-

tion of COVID-19 disease.

During his tour to Mandalay Region, the Union Minister met the Mandalay Administration Council and its members, central-level medical superintendents, medical specialists and professors on 29 April. He stressed the need to prepare for the COVID-19 prevention immediately, abide by the rules and the employee codes of conduct, professionally provide health care service to people regardless of wealth, religion,

race or enemy, to call those who are absent from work for various reasons.

At the meeting with rectors and professors, and officials from the medical universities in Mandalay, he discussed the resumption of medical studies and allowing the current postgraduate students in order to take the exam only if they have at least 90% of class time as per the rules and regulations of the course.

The Union Minister also

inspected the Central Women's Hospital-Mandalay. During the inspection, he said the vaccination programmes of the babies are underway, adding that the government-funded the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit-NICU. As it is not available to newborns, the medical equipment maintenance work is carried out, and professional staffs are ordered to return to work as soon as possible. Afterwards, he met the officials at the Food and Drugs Administration Sub-Division and

the Public Health Laboratory in the evening.

The Union Minister and party arrived at the Hospital in TadaU Township and inspected the hospital's operation. Under the leadership of the medical superintendent, the hospital is providing regular health care services despite the departure of the assistant doctors. The hospital is also conducting COVID-19 vaccination, and a total of 5,261 people were vaccinated as of today. — MNA

Announcement of Union Election Commission

29 April 2021

1. Regarding the Multiparty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and the casting of votes of Kanpetlet and Thantlang townships of Chin State.
2. Findings in respective townships were as follows:
- Findings on voter lists in each township

| Sr | Township and numbers of polling stations | Township sub-commis-sion | List from Immi-gration depart-ment | Those involved in voting list without citizenship scrutiny cards | Those involved in voter list more than three times holding one CSC | Those involved in voter list more than two times holding one CS |
|----|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1 | 80 polling stations Kanpetlet township of Chin State | 14,712 | 11,073 | 455 | 152 | 2,134 |
| 2 | 105 polling stations Thantlang township of Chin State | 33,806 | 32,898 | 2,124 | 175 | 3,306 |

3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Kanpetlet and Thantlang townships of Chin State together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators in accordance with Section 53 of the Hluttaw Election Law.
4. According to the inspection, a total of 185 polling stations in these two townships took out 61,633 ballots and used 38,389ballots. It left 24,147 ballots instead of 23,244 bal-lots. The difference was 2,231 ballots and it found 3,134 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in each township

| Sr | Subject | Total polling station | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remaining | Remaining on the Ground | Difference | |
|----|-----------|-----------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | Kanpetlet | 80 | 19,720 | 11,012 | 8,708 | 7,855 | 1,000 | 147 |
| 2 | Thantlang | 105 | 41,913 | 27,377 | 14,536 | 16,292 | 1,231 | 2,987 |
| | Total | 185 | 61,633 | 38,389 | 23,244 | 24,147 | 2,231 | 3,134 |

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Kanpetlet Township

5. According to the inspection, 80 polling stations in 6 Wards and 26 Village-tracts of Kanpetlet Township in Chin State took out 19,720 ballots and used 11,012 ballots. It left 7,855 ballots instead of 8,708. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

| Sr | Subject | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remaining | Remaining on the Ground | Difference | |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | Ward/village -tract ballots | 18,500 | 10,992 | 7,508 | 6,653 | 1,000 | 145 |
| 2 | Township Advanced ballots | 20 | 20 | | 2 | | 2 |
| 3 | Township Remaining ballots | 1,200 | | 1,200 | 1,200 | | |
| Total | | 19,720 | 11,012 | 8,708 | 7,855 | 1,000 | 147 |

6. There were 1,000 missing ballots and 145 extra ballots at 80 polling stations in 6 Wards and 26 Village-tracts of Kanpetlet Township. There were 2 extra township advance ballots.
7. Findings were as follows:

| Sr | Ward/Village-Tracts | Total Polling Stations | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remain-ing | Remaining on the Ground | Differ-ence | |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | No (1) Ward , Kanpetlet | 2 | 1,550 | 940 | 610 | 610 | | |
| 2 | No (2) Ward ,Kanpetlet | 4 | 2,250 | 1,660 | 590 | 690 | | 100 |
| 3 | Magyar Village-tract | 6 | 1,000 | 479 | 521 | 371 | 150 | |
| 4 | Tonenge Village-tract | 2 | 350 | 208 | 142 | 88 | 54 | |
| 5 | Khitaw Village-tract | 4 | 850 | 565 | 285 | 330 | | 45 |
| 6 | Ngonelaung Village-tract | 3 | 650 | 374 | 276 | 276 | | |
| 7 | Kantthayone Village-tract | 4 | 950 | 669 | 281 | 281 | | |
| 8 | Kyetchan Village-tract | 3 | 600 | 333 | 267 | 267 | | |
| 9 | Londone Village-tract | 2 | 550 | 255 | 295 | 245 | 50 | |
| 10 | Baungbin Village-tract | 3 | 650 | 342 | 308 | 298 | 10 | |
| 11 | Saykay Village-tract | 2 | 300 | 123 | 177 | 127 | 50 | |
| 12 | Margyar Village-tract | 3 | 350 | 158 | 192 | 192 | | |
| 13 | Kyindwe Ward (Kyindwe Town) | 2 | 950 | 773 | 177 | 177 | | |
| 14 | Hokeponkyin Ward (Kyindwe Town) | 1 | 100 | 59 | 41 | 41 | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 15 | Phonetwekyin Ward (Kyindwe Town) | 1 | 100 | 61 | 39 | 39 | | |
| 16 | Htangone Ward (Kyindwe Town) | 1 | 100 | 54 | 46 | 46 | | |
| 17 | Hmantaung Village-tract | 4 | 1,100 | 539 | 561 | 275 | 286 | |
| 18 | Lepone Village-tract | 1 | 250 | 187 | 63 | 63 | | |
| 19 | Ngwonzine Village-tract | 2 | 400 | 239 | 161 | 161 | | |
| 20 | Laukmaw Village-tract | 2 | 300 | 201 | 99 | 99 | | |
| 21 | Aukkant Village-tract | 2 | 450 | 309 | 141 | 141 | | |
| 22 | Aukhle Village-tract | 1 | 150 | 100 | 50 | 50 | | |
| 23 | Pusaw Village-tract | 3 | 450 | 218 | 232 | 182 | 50 | |
| 24 | Hmucheindein Village-tract | 2 | 600 | 160 | 440 | 140 | 300 | |
| 25 | Karnan Village-tract | 2 | 200 | 101 | 99 | 99 | | |
| 26 | Mulaung Village-tract | 2 | 200 | 80 | 120 | 120 | | |
| 27 | Magyaraeinhnu Village-tract | 2 | 550 | 348 | 202 | 152 | 50 | |
| 28 | Kharnan Village-tract | 2 | 500 | 307 | 193 | 193 | | |
| 29 | Lonaeinhnu Village-tract | 4 | 800 | 537 | 263 | 263 | | |
| 30 | Kharine Village-tract | 3 | 650 | 340 | 310 | 310 | | |
| 31 | Satchauk Village-tract | 3 | 350 | 152 | 198 | 198 | | |
| 32 | Pinlaung Village-tract | 2 | 250 | 121 | 129 | 129 | | |
| | Ward/village -tract ballots | 80 | 18,500 | 10,992 | 7,508 | 6,653 | 1,000 | 145 |
| | Township Advanced ballots | | 20 | 20 | | 2 | | 2 |
| | Township Remaining ballots | | 1,200 | | 1,200 | 1200 | | |
| | Total | 80 | 19,720 | 11,012 | 8,708 | 7,855 | 1,000 | 147 |

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Thantlang Township

8. According to the inspection, 105 polling stations in 5 Wards and 36 Village-tracts of Thantlang Township in Chin State took out 41,913 ballots and used 273,77 ballots. It left 16,292 ballots instead of 14,536. The extra/shortage ballots and extra illegal ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

| Sr | Subject | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remaining | Remaining on the Ground | Difference | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | Ward/village -tract ballots | 37,500 | 27,377 | 10,123 | 11,942 | 1,168 | 2,987 |
| 2 | Township Advanced ballots | 63 | | 63 | | 63 | |
| 3 | Township Remaining ballots | 4,350 | | 4,350 | 4,350 | | |
| Township Total | | 41,913 | 27,377 | 14,536 | 16,292 | 1,231 | 2,987 |

9. There were 1,168 missing ballots and 2,987 extra ballots at 105 polling stations in 5 Wards and 36 Village-tracts of Thantlang Township. 63 township advance ballots were found missing. The numbers of remaining ballots at township election sub commission and the findings of inspection team were conformity with 4,350 ballots.
10. Findings were as follows:

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| Sr | Ward/Village-Tracts | Total Polling Stations | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remaining | Remaining on the Ground | Differ-ence | |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | No (1) Ward, Thantlan | 2 | 2,650 | 2,032 | 618 | 1,018 | | 400 |
| 2 | No (2) Ward, Thantlan | 2 | 2,750 | 2,108 | 642 | 1,087 | | 445 |
| 3 | Lonzar Village-tract | 5 | 800 | 533 | 267 | 205 | 62 | |
| 4 | Tlanthaei Village-tract | 3 | 600 | 526 | 74 | 188 | | 114 |
| 5 | Tlankhwar Village-tract | 2 | 650 | 430 | 220 | 264 | | 44 |
| 6 | Theekhonthwan Village-tract | 3 | 700 | 567 | 133 | 133 | | |
| 7 | Banzan Village-tract | 3 | 1,200 | 1,006 | 194 | 300 | | 106 |
| 8 | Londein Village-tract | 1 | 300 | 212 | 88 | 110 | | 22 |
| 9 | Tlanpi Village-tract | 3 | 1,000 | 784 | 216 | 222 | | 6 |
| 10 | Thanzan Village-tract | 4 | 1,000 | 1,053 | -53 | 461 | | 514 |
| 11 | Saika Village-tract | 3 | 550 | 396 | 154 | 154 | | |
| 12 | Lonle Village-tract | 3 | 1,150 | 816 | 334 | 234 | 100 | |
| 13 | Zantlan Village-tract | 1 | 450 | 310 | 140 | 134 | 6 | |
| 14 | Dwon Village-tract | 2 | 1,050 | 658 | 392 | 420 | | 28 |
| 15 | Htwalan Village-tract | 2 | 550 | 397 | 153 | 61 | 92 | |
| 16 | Hayeinkhan Village-tract | 2 | 800 | 628 | 172 | 192 | | 20 |
| 17 | HtaOh Village-tract | 2 | 550 | 391 | 159 | 93 | 66 | |
| 18 | Bontlan Village-tract | 2 | 350 | 291 | 59 | 59 | | |
| 19 | Salan Village-tract | 1 | 500 | 425 | 75 | 113 | | 38 |
| 20 | Thiki Village-tract | 2 | 600 | 481 | 119 | 171 | | 52 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 21 | Sharlan Village-tract | 3 | 800 | 412 | 388 | 338 | 50 | |
| 22 | Lupilone Village-tract | 2 | 350 | 226 | 124 | 76 | 48 | |
| 23 | No (3) Ward Thantlan Town | 2 | 1,700 | 1,444 | 256 | 574 | | 318 |
| 24 | No (1) Ward Hnahayein Town | 2 | 1,000 | 679 | 321 | 453 | | 132 |
| 25 | No (1) Ward Hnahayein Town | 1 | 650 | 462 | 188 | 288 | | 100 |
| 26 | Belhar Village-tract | 4 | 750 | 294 | 456 | 306 | 150 | |
| 27 | Tlanywa Village-tract | 2 | 600 | 481 | 119 | 133 | | 14 |
| 28 | Hmaungtlan Village-tract | 4 | 1,350 | 946 | 404 | 682 | | 278 |
| 29 | Kyaunghtiya Village-tract | 3 | 1,100 | 917 | 183 | 185 | | 2 |
| 30 | Ainebu Village-tract | 2 | 700 | 530 | 170 | 170 | | |
| 31 | Hariphe Village-tract | 3 | 850 | 618 | 232 | 162 | 70 | |
| 32 | Zephine Village-tract | 3 | 1,400 | 1,115 | 285 | 289 | | 4 |
| 33 | Khwarphone Village-tract | 3 | 600 | 430 | 170 | 172 | | 2 |
| 34 | Laungtlan Village-tract | 2 | 450 | 331 | 119 | 87 | 32 | |
| 35 | Phanhtin Village-tract | 2 | 900 | 593 | 307 | 379 | | 72 |
| 36 | Sungin Village-tract | 4 | 1,250 | 849 | 401 | 509 | | 108 |
| 37 | Khwarharan Village-tract | 2 | 1,200 | 755 | 445 | 613 | | 168 |
| 38 | Htanaw Village-tract | 2 | 650 | 445 | 205 | 179 | 26 | |
| 39 | Ngaphaithei Village-tract | 4 | 950 | 630 | 320 | 246 | 74 | |
| 40 | Ngaphaiپی Village-tract | 5 | 1,400 | 735 | 665 | 275 | 390 | |
| 41 | Lailin Village-tract | 2 | 650 | 441 | 209 | 207 | 2 | |
| Ward/village tract ballots | | 105 | 37,500 | 27,377 | 10,123 | 11,942 | 1,168 | 2,987 |
| Township Advanced ballots | | | 63 | | 63 | | 63 | |
| Township Remaining ballots | | | 4350 | | 4350 | 4350 | | |
| Township Total | | 105 | 41,913 | 27,377 | 14,536 | 16,292 | 1,231 | 2,987 |

Union Election Commission

Effective period for Temporary Measures to Prevent Importation of COVID-19 to Myanmar through Air Travel extended till 31 May 2021

The effective period for the Temporary Measures to Prevent Importation of COVID-19 to Myanmar through Air Travel issued on 29 March 2020 by the Ministry of Health and Sports was extended up to 30 April 2021, 23:59 hours of Myanmar Standard Time, in line with the approval of the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.

As the infection of this disease remains increasing in most of the countries, and the current effective period will be further extended with the approval of the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, until 31 May 2021, 23:59 hours of Myanmar Standard Time to prevent infection of COVID-19 to Myanmar through passengers of international airlines.

Ministry of Transport and Communications

Tatmadaw medical teams provide healthcare to locals



Tatmadaw medics are giving treatments to locals at Thayawady District Hospital.

Tatmadaw provides treatments to over 170,000 outpatients



Locals are receiving treatments at the temporary hospital of the Central Command.

MILITARY hospitals in the townships of regions and states are giving medical treatments to the people to solve their difficulties in healthcare services. A total of 175,350 outpatients and 4,439 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical ex-

perts, medics and nurses have conducted 8,254 major operations and 4,221 minor operations. The senior doctors treat the severe cases.

These hospitals managed for the birth of 10,777 babies to date. Of those, 4,275 cases are done in the caesarean section and

6,502 cases in ordinary delivery.

Moreover, the Fire Brigade members of Toungoo, Yedashe, Htantabin and Ottwin townships collectively donated blood for the military members, police, and locals, who took treatments at the military hospitals in Toungoo to mark the 75th Anniversary of Myanmar Fire Brigade yesterday.

In addition to providing medical care to patients in need of hospitalization, Tatmadaw is making arrangements for the well-being of hospitalized patients and caregivers. —MNA

THE Tatmadaw medical teams consisted of Tatmadaw doctors, specialists and nurses have been providing necessary medical treatment to the patients in military hospitals and public hospitals.

The Tatmadaw medical team continued to provide healthcare-related to surgery, dental and oral healthcare, osteoporosis, obstetrics, gynaecology, hypertension and heart

disease to the patients in Thazi Township Hospital, Hanza hospital, Yinmabin hospital, Tagaung Hospital in Thabeikkyin Township, Mattaya Hospital, Sintgaing hospital in Kyaukse township, Yintaw hospital, Myittha Hospital and Kume Hospital in Pyawbwe township Welaung hospital in Taungtha Township, Kyaukpadaung Hospital, Thayawady District Hospital, Donzayit hospital

in Shwegyin Township and Latpadan township hospital yesterday.

Officials from respective commands also inspected the medical services at the hospitals and comforted the patients by providing food aids and necessary things. It is reported that residents are satisfied with the medical supports of Tatmadaw. —MNA

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Trade surplus interrelated with taxes to smoothen State machinery

EVERY country relies on their incomes to operate and manage various measures for the State and the people on a daily basis.

These incomes can be earned from the production of State-owned and private-run enterprises or levying the tax. All global countries classify various kinds of tax to be levied over businesses and trading.

Developing and developed countries are based on trade surplus and trade deficit which limit their incomes. The countries encountering the trade deficit are sure to struggle operation of the State machinery, while the countries facing the trade surplus will enjoy smooth and betterment in the process of all sectors solving problems by spending incomes allotted from the tax.

In fact, local businesspersons need to strive for extending the production of quality products to be exported to the international market. The government will levy tax over the incomes of those businesspersons and spend it on nation-building tasks.

17 budget year respectively.

In assessing the aforesaid trade surplus data, everybody can see the gradual growth of the State economy. Such kind of surplus income could contribute much to booming the State economy.

In fact, local businesspersons need to strive for extending the production of quality products to be exported to the international market. The government will levy tax over the incomes of those businesspersons and spend it on nation-building tasks.

As such, the income based on trade surplus and taxes is interrelated as a key role to operate the State machinery in a smooth process with prosperity.

In the first four-monthly period of the 2020-21 financial year, Myanmar sent export products worth US\$191.715 million to Thailand and bought import goods worth US\$700.463 million. The total trade volume between the two countries during the period amounted to US\$1,620.177 million. That is why more than US\$200 million worth of trade surplus was kept in the hand of Myanmar.

Regarding the trade surplus based on calculation over the data mentioned by the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar has been bagging hundreds of millions of trade surplus in exportation and importation with Thailand since the 2016-2017 budget year.

The trade surplus of Myanmar based on the trade volume conducted with Thailand amounted to more than US\$1,000 million in 2017-20 financial year, more than US\$1,000 million in 2018-19 financial year, more than US\$100 million from 1 April to 30 September 2018, more than US\$600 million in 2017-18 financial year and more than US\$100 million in 2016-

Risky business: COVID-19 and safety at work

The numbers of home workers around the world have been swelled by the COVID-19 pandemic, putting a fresh focus on the need for employers to ensure that their employees are working in a safe environment. On the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, we look at some of the ways the UN is helping employers and governments to keep people safe, wherever they work.

THE world of work has been upended by COVID-19, and the effects are likely to be long-lasting. Before the pandemic, there were some 260 million home-based workers (not including domestic or care workers). The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that figure could have doubled, with as many as one in three workers remote working in North America and Europe, and one in six in sub-Saharan Africa.

The rollout of vaccines, mainly in the developed world, has increased the possibilities of a return to the workplace, but many companies and workers have signalled a wish to retain a degree of home working, after seeing some of the benefits. For employers, these include minimizing the risk of contagion and potentially spending less on expensive office space whilst staff no longer have to spend commuting to and from the workplace.

'If you're losing your mind, I'm right there with you'

However, whilst some are enjoying baking bread or taking a stroll during a conference call, and using the commuting time to indulge in new pursuits, others



Teleworking is likely to remain an important factor in many people's jobs.

PHOTO: AFP

have been craving a return to a more structured work-life routine.

"I tell myself daily that I am grateful to have a job with understanding supervisors and colleagues. But all of it is hard. If you're also a working mum losing her mind daily, know that I'm right there with you," says Paulina, a New York-based teleworker.

"I have chaired meetings with a laptop and headphones on one side of a tiny, New York

City kitchen while cooking lunch and having a screaming toddler wrapped around my ankles. While all of this is cute once or maybe twice, regular screams of children in the background can only be tolerated for so long. I should know, because I passed that line sometime in July."

Stories such as this explain why a recent study by the International Labour Organization (ILO) found that 41 per cent of people who worked from home

considered themselves highly stressed, compared to 25 per cent of those who worked on-site.

"The most effective way to eliminate the risk of contagion in a work context is, for those who can do it, teleworking, says Joaquim Nunes, head of occupational health and safety at the ILO, "But we still need to pay attention to the physical and mental well-being of workers".

As teleworking is likely to remain an important factor in

many people's jobs, Mr Nunes says that work-related policies will have to be updated to reflect the new reality.

"There's a good chance that the rise of teleworking during the COVID-19 pandemic will permanently change how we live and work. Many governments have realised this, and are taking a fresh look at the rights of employees working from home. For example, companies should ensure that workers do not feel isolated, whilst giving them the right to disconnect, rather than being online 24 hours a day".

In Chile, a law adopted early in March 2020 goes some way to addressing some of these concerns. The legislation recognizes the right of remote workers to disconnect for at least 12 continuous hours in a 24-hour period. In addition, employers cannot require workers to respond to communications on rest days or holidays.

A healthy home?

Beyond the question of comfort and mental health, is one of physical safety. It is often said that most accidents happen at home, so, if this is where much of the working week is spent,

should employers be responsible for making sure apartments aren't death traps?

"For now, there are no easy answers when it comes to ensuring a suitable home office environment", says Mr. Nunes. "However, we can say that the same principles that apply to other workplaces apply to teleworkers, in that employers have a general duty of care, as reasonably practicable. Employers can't control the workplace when staff are working from home, but they can provide ergonomic equipment to workers, such as suitable chairs, and help them to assess their own risks and to learn about how to maintain healthy lifestyles."

Teleworking is also challenging for enforcement agencies, as usually inspectors do not have free access to the private spaces. One solution to ensure compliance with legislation could be virtual inspections, which are already taking place in Nordic countries on a voluntary basis. "These involve labour inspectors video calling a worker at home, and being shown their work chair, desk, and lighting setup", explains Mr. Nunes.

SOURCE: ILO

EU inches closer to Covid certificate for travel

THE European Parliament on Thursday agreed its position on how a Covid certificate should work, bringing the EU closer to launching a document to open up travel within the bloc.

Europe intends to have a certificate showing the bearer's vaccination status, Covid test results and/or evidence of having survived the disease up and running in June, in time for the continent's summer vacation period.

While technical work has been ongoing to ensure the certificate is recognized across all 27 EU member states, final details have to be worked out involving capitals, the European Commission and the parliament.

The first change MEPs have called for to a commission proposal is the name. Instead of a "digital green certificate" they want to call it an "EU Covid-19 certificate" – to avoid any implication of it becoming a "vaccine passport".

They said the document should "neither serve as travel document nor become a precondition to exercise the right to free movement" and should only be in use for 12 months.

Stressing that the certificate should not result in discrimination, parliament demanded that Covid-19 tests for travel should be free of charge. The commission has said that this issue should be left up to member states.

The parliament's negoti-

ation position was announced Thursday following a vote late Wednesday, with 540 MEPs in favour, 119 against, and 31 abstentions.

'Safe travel'

European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the result, but ignored the proposed renaming of the certificate.

"The (European Parliament) adopting its position on a Digital Green Certificate is a key step towards free and safe travel this summer," she tweeted.

She urged a "swift conclusion" to the final negotiations on the document, adding: "We will have the EU (virtual verification) gateway up and running by June, while supporting the timely roll-

out of national systems."

Initially, the plan is for EU citizens and residents in the bloc

to be able to use the certificate to avoid quarantine, testing and other obstacles to intra-EU travel.



Covid certificates would ease travel within the EU during the busy summer holiday season.

PHOTO: AFP

Public information

Yangon Region Administration Council is working with relevant departments to help the businesses in the region. People are informed to contact the following phone numbers to get assistance for their small and medium-scaled businesses and investments which are facing some delays and working to do new businesses.

Phone numbers: 01 830 1975, 01 830 2175

Yangon Region Administration Council

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Central Bank of Myanmar
Press release

30 April 2021

1. Efforts were made to regularly apply the monetary systems and applications that bank and mobile monetary service providers operate through the Internet during the period of temporarily interrupting the mobile Internet. The Central Bank of Myanmar has announced some banks that can
2. Currently, UAB Bank, Myanmar Apex Bank, Nay Pyi Taw Development Bank, Asian Green Development Bank and Shwe Rural and Urban Development Bank can give the following services -- account to account transfer, wallet
- to wallet, bank to bank and CCT functions of CMB Net of the Central Bank of Myanmar to the public with the use of mobile banking, Internet banking, mobile top-up, other cards top-up, bill payments, Visa/Master credit card payment, MPU cards, all ATMs and Bank Pay.
3. Mobile monetary service providers, namely Wave Money, OK\$, M-Pitesan, MyTel Pay and MPT Money, are giving their services as usual for a mobile top-up, wallet to wallet, bank to the wallet, wallet to the bank, air time top-up, and merchant cash in/cash out.

Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San inspects relevant departments in Meiktila

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San inspected Meiktila Central Institute of Transportation and Communications, Road Transport Administration Department (Meiktila district), Department of Transport planning (Meiktila district), Road Transport (freight) and operations of Kerry Mother Terminal and Logistics Limited, Resource Group Logistics Co. Ltd in Dry Port of Myitnge including Myitnge carriage and wagon factory on 29 April.

During his inspection tour, he met the departmental heads and staff officers. He discussed the projects, budget, allowance



The MoTC Union Minister meets the departmental heads and staff officers on 29 April.

system for the staff, and building of new carriage and wagon factory at Myitnge. The Union Minister instructed the necessary things and provided the food aids to the staff.

He also highlighted the five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council, the occurrence of riots and attacks on the security forces and innocent people due to the incitement of

unscrupulous persons, other incitement to government employees to join CDM, prosecution under section 505-a.

The Union Minister said that according to the SAC's instruc-

tion, the government would withdraw lawsuits opened against CDM participants with recommendation letters of department heads, regional organizations and law firms and their pledges when they return to their duties.

The departments without regular workload are likely to suspend, and so it should consider resuming the operations as usual. The government employees also should carry out their respective departments by showing their loyalty to the state.

He also inspected the teaching aid materials, office buildings and Dry Port of the respective institute of transport and departments. — MNA

Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun inspects upgrading works of Bagan-NyaungU airport

DEPUTY Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun met the officials from the eight departments under the Ministry and department staff

working in the Bagan-NyaungU Airport yesterday.

At the meeting, officials presented the status of implementation work and further activities.



The MoTC deputy minister is inspecting the upgrading works of Bagan-NaungU airport yesterday.

The Deputy Minister provided foods to the staff.

Director-General for the Department of Civil Aviation U Kyaw Soe explained upgrading works of the airport to facilitate the entry/exit of travellers, work of applying nylon bitumen to the current runway and parking lot with the fund of the year. The Deputy Minister added the need to assign a quality control team for paving asphalt concret applying work and night landing facilities as per the set standard.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister inspected the installation of asphalt concrete mixer, the conditions of construction materials and machinery and the completion of the Fuel Farm of Golden Myanmar Airlines Public Company Limited. — MNA

Myanmar Press Council re-elects council members



Re-election process of Myanmar Press Council in progress yesterday.

MYANMAR Press Council held a ceremony to re-elect council members at FDC (Film Development Centre) of Information and Public Relations Department in Yangon yesterday.

MPC's selection committee Chairman Dr Tin Tun (Tha-ton Tin Tun) and members, Acting Chairman of MPC Dr Myo Thant Tin and candidates, attended the event.

Firstly, the council's se-




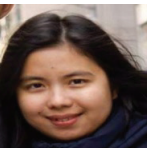






lection committee chairman Dr Tin Tun (Tha-ton Tin Tun) made an opening remark while secretary Dr Thida Tin briefed the voting processes.

Daw Khin Than Nwe (Ma Ma Lashio), U Nay Lin (Maung Cho Wai) and U Soe Min were elected as council members.

The council selected three new members out of six nominees for three vacant seats.— MNA

Files opened against medical doctors who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

THE following medical doctors have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and health staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

| Sr | Name | Hospital | Address | Section of Penal Code | Photo |
|----|--|--|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Dr May Ko Ko Thet (Associate Professor) | University of Medicine (Magway) | Magway Town, Magway Region | 505-a |  |
| 2 | Dr Saw Thurein (Medical Superintendent) | Zalun Hospital | Zalun Town, Ayeyawady Region | 505-a |  |
| 3 | Dr Su Myat (Assistant Surgeon) | Mandalay Eyes, Ears and Nose and Throat Hospital | Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 4 | Dr Ei Ei Thwe (Assistant Surgeon) | Mandalay General Hospital | Mogok Town, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 5 | Dr Saw Thiri Han (Assistant Surgeon) | Mandalay Central Women's Hospital | Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 6 | Dr Myo Myint Kyaw (Station Medical Doctor) | Motalay Station Hospital | Katha Town, Sagaing Region | 505-a |  |
| 7 | Dr Nyein Nyein Ei (Station Medical Doctor) | Mawlu Station Hospital | Mawlu Town, Sagaing Region | 505-a |  |
| 8 | Dr Yu Yu Khine (Specialist) | Shwebo Hospital | Monywa Town, Sagaing Region | 505-a |  |
| 9 | Dr May Thant Zin (Assistant Surgeon) | Shwebo Hospital | Shwebo Town, Sagaing Region | 505-a |  |
| 10 | Dr Min Aung Khant (specialist) | Thaton Hospital | Thaton Town, Mon State | 505-a |  |

Among them, Dr Yu Yu Khine (Specialist)) and Dr. May Thant Zin (Assistant Surgeon) of Shwebo Hospital, Dr Min Aung Khant (Specialist) of Thaton General Hospital participated in CDM activities without performing medical treatments at assigned hospitals but gave medical treatments at private hospitals/clinics according to the documentary photos.

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those medical doctors charged, action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those medical doctors, and work licences of the private hospitals/clinics which allowed them to give medical treatments will be closed. Deterrent action will be taken against owners of these hospitals/clinics under the law. Action will be taken against any health staff under the law for taking charges of providing healthcare services to the people and giving assistance to private hospitals/clinics with participation in CDM activities without discharging assigned duty. Severe action will be taken against owners of private hospitals/clinics which admit those medical doctors and health staff for supporting the CDM participants. —MNA

Files opened against education department personnel who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

THE following education department personnel have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and education staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.










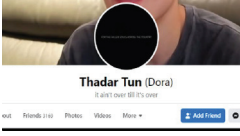








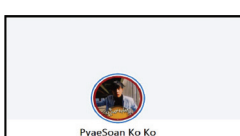



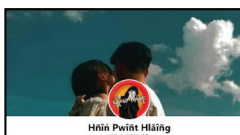
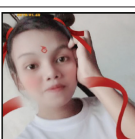

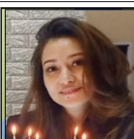




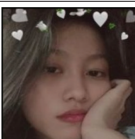

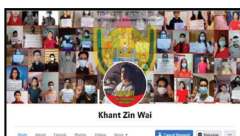
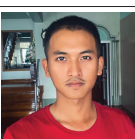
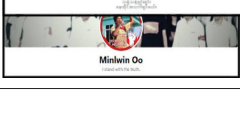

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| 1 | Daw May Zin Theint | Lecturer, Technological University, Patheingyi Township | Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 2 | Daw Swe Swe Aung | Head of Administration and Finance Department, Yangon University Kamayut Township | Kamayut Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  |
| 3 | U Win Min Hsan | Principal, Government Technical High School, Meiktila Town | Meiktila Town, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 4 | U Myo Thu Ko | Deputy Township Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Hlaingthaya Township (East), Yangon Region | Hlaingthaya Township (East), Yangon Region | 505-a |  |
| 5 | U Kyaw Win Latt | Deputy Township Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Madaya Town | Madaya Town, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 6 | U Win Tun | Deputy Township Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Kyaukpadaung Township | Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 7 | U Moe Hein | Deputy Township Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Taze Town | Taze Town, Sagaing Region | 505-a |  |
| 8 | Daw Yin Yin Maw | Assistant Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Kyaukpadaung Township | Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 9 | U Kaung Thike Soe | Assistant Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Myittha Township | Myittha Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 10 | U Yan Naing Tun | Assistant Education Officer, Office of Township Education Officer, Hsipaw Town | Hsipaw Town, Shan State (North) | 505-a |  |

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those education staff charged, anyone needs to inform matters related to those persons of nearby police stations and action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those education staff. — MNA

Student union members from universities/colleges/schools opened files under 505-a for their intentional incitements to undermine State peace and stability through social networks

1. The following members of the student unions and other related persons, who committed incitements to public service personnel for joining CDM activities with attempts to undermine the State administrative machinery, published topics and fake news supporting unlawful CRPH association, carried out instigation for causing unrests with deterioration of peace and stability in the country and public panic, intentionally posted and distributed acts of social punishment through social network pages were filed under Section 505-a of the Penal Code.
2. Action will be taken against those who admit those crime breakers, and more information about those who committed similar cases will be released.

Members of Student Unions were filed under Section 505-a

| Sr | Account Name | Profile | Address | Section of Penal Code | Photo | | | | | | |
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| 2 | Myat Thu(Lu Ah) https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010331825279 | Aung Myat Thu(a) Myat Thu  | Zayathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area | 505-a |  | 12 | 桜那明依(Mei) https://www.facebook.com/ngwechi.win/ | Ngwe Chi Win Htut  | Loikaw Township, Kayah State | 505-a |  |
| 3 | Ko Phoe Thaw (Son of Thakin Ba Hein) https://www.facebook.com/u.thaw.98096 | Phoe Thaw  | Magway Township, Magway Region | 505-a |  | 13 | Thadar Tun (Dora) https://www.facebook.com/kim.dora.127 | Thadar Tun  | Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  |
| 4 | Aung Pyae Soe (Ko Pyae) https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012187485659 | Aung Pyae Soe  | Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region | 505-a |  | 14 | Thiha https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100023998725596 | Thiha Zaw  | Pinlaung Township, Shan State | 505-a |  |
| 5 | John Canaydy https://www.facebook.com/john.canaydi.3/ | John Canaydy  | Dimawhso Township, Kayah State | 505-a |  | 15 | Hsu Myat Nway Oo(少白星) https://www.facebook.com/sumyat.nandar.5494 | Hsu Myat Nway Oo  | Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region | 505-a |  |
| 6 | Pyae Sone Ko Ko https://www.facebook.com/pyaesoan.koko | Pyae Sone Ko Ko  | Insein Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  | 16 | Htet Myat Aung https://www.facebook.com/htetmyataung.mm | Htet Myat Aung  | Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region | 505-a |  |
| 7 | Hnin Pwint Hlaing https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100045295932194 | Hnin Pwint Phyu  | Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region | 505-a |  | 17 | Haymarn Soe Nyunt https://www.facebook.com/haymansoenyunt | Haymarn Soe Nyunt  | Mayangon Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  |
| 8 | Khant Zaw Thura (Khant Zaw) https://www.facebook.com/khantzaw.thuya.50/ | Khant Zaw Thura  | Pyay Township, Bago Region | 505-a |  | 18 | Jisoo Bunny Kim https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010551967385 | Htut Htut Aung  | Tamway Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  |
| 9 | Myat Noe Eain (Katherine) https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011483767244 | Myat Noe Eain  | Hline Township, Yangon Region | 505-a |  | 19 | Nyein Chan Ko https://www.facebook.com/khant.shin.3950/ | Nyein Chan Ko  | Loikaw Township, Kayah State | 505-a |  |
| 10 | Khant Zin Wai https://www.facebook.com/batethar.lay | Khant Zin Wai  | Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region | 505-a |  | 20 | Wai Yan Taryar https://www.facebook.com/waiyan.taryar.33 | Wai Yan Taryar  | Pakokku Township, Magway Region | 505-a |  |

Security forces continue seizure of illegal weapon manufacturers and owners

SECURITY forces have identified and arrested manufacturers and owners of weapons and ammunition to be used in riots. On 29 and 30 April, security forces confiscated 3 guns and one PSI dish during patrolling in Pyntha village, Kalay Township; materials used for riots and related items at the house of the Chinland Post Editor Salai Bway Ote Htan in Haka Township; two homemade guns near the train station in TatU Thida ward, Kalay Township in Sagaing Region.

The security forces also confiscated the local-made time bomb between a tree branch at the corner of Awar road and Taungtwin road



Seized weapons and related items.

in Magway Region. Similarly, fifty shields, eight homemade mines made by the PVC pipe, one home-made mine made by can, one packet of sulfur powder, one petrol bottle, 20 fibre helmets,

10 smoke goggles, 12 shields and 12 anti-State vinyl signs were confiscated inside the building under construction on Lower Kyimyindine Road, Ahl-on Township, Yangon Region. Similarly, in Taunggyi,



Shan State, security forces seized one .22 gun, 20 shells, two scopes and 2 WY stimulant tablets from Aung Tun (a) Nay Nay, 22, son of U Hline Oo. While searching his house, a rifle scope and one silencer

were found and confiscated from his bedroom. It is reported that investigations are underway to take action against those arrested and those illegal weapons to be used in riots. — MNA

Two women filed lawsuits under Section 505-a of Penal Code arrested



Lwin Mar Soe



Yoon Mi Mi Kyaw

in Pynmana Township and Ma Yoon Mi Mi Kyaw, daughter of U Tin Maung, who lives in Mayangon Township, were charged for their anti-government incitements to disturb the peace and stability of the country on their Facebook accounts.

Kyaw Thet Aung, son of U San Aung, who lives in Kyuntaw ward in Sangyoung Township, was also arrested for inciting people to strike pans to disturb people and the security forces.

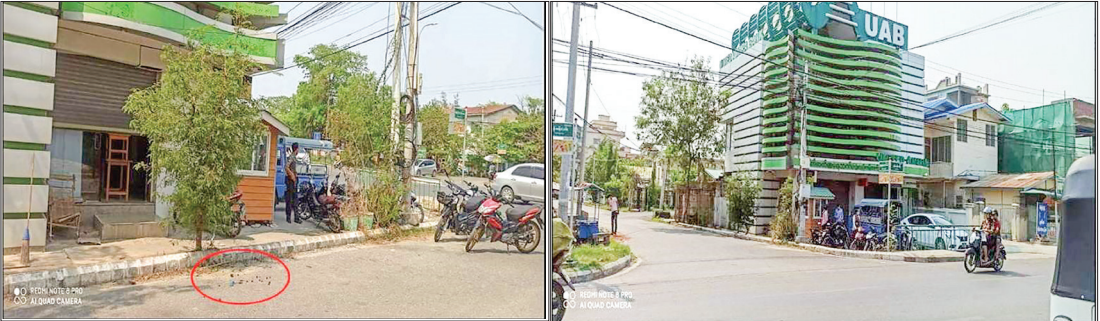
Security forces arrested them at their houses, and it is reported that actions will be taken against them in accordance with the law. — MNA



Kyaw Thet Aung

TWO women, who were filed lawsuits under Section 505-a of the Penal Code, were arrested on 29 and 30 April in Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and Mayangon Township, Yangon Region. Lwin Mar Soe, 25, who lives in Youthwarinn village

Homemade mine attacks happen in Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Magway



A handmade mine explodes in the front of the UAB in Mandalay.



A sound bomb is thrown at the court staff housing in Mandalay.

HOMEMADE mine attacks happened in Mandalay, Yangon, Bago and Magway regions on 29 and 30 April. Terrorist attacked the UAB bank at the corner of Kywal Se Kan (6) street and 78th street in Pyigyitagun township, Municipal Staff Housing in Maha aungmye Township, the front of the Township Hall in North

Okkalapa Township, and Court Staff housing in Chanayethazan Township on 29 April. Similarly, three men on two motorbikes threw a fire bottle to the Township Education Office in Toungoo Township, Bago Region, around 7:45 pm on 29 April. Yesterday morning, Tatmadaw field engineers re-

moved a homemade time bomb that was found near the tea-shop situated at the corner of Taungtwin street and Awar street in Magway Township, Magway Region. It is reported that security forces are investigating to identify and take action against the perpetrators under the law.— MNA

17 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 30 April, total figure rises to 142,817

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 142,817 after 17 new cases were reported on 30 April 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, 131,966 have been discharged from hospitals. —MNA

AI, captain! First autonomous ship prepares for maiden voyage

THE “Mayflower 400” -- the world’s first intelligent ship -- bobs gently in a light swell as it stops its engines in Plymouth Sound, off England’s southwest coast, before self-activating a hydrophone designed to listen to whales.

The 50-foot (15-metre) trimaran, which weighs nine tonnes and navigates with complete autonomy, is preparing for a transatlantic voyage.

On its journey the vessel, covered in solar panels, will study marine pollution and analyse plastic in the water, as well as track aquatic mammals.

Eighty percent of the underwater world remains unexplored.

Brett Phaneuf, co-founder of the charity ProMare and the mastermind behind the Mayflower project, said the ocean exerts “the most powerful force” on the global climate.

Rosie Lickorish, a specialist in emerging technologies at IBM, one of the partners on the project, said the unmanned craft provided an advantage in the “unforgiving environment”.

“Having a ship without people on board allows scientists to expand the area they can observe,” she told AFP.

A variety of technology and service providers have contributed to the project with hundreds of individuals involved from nations including India, Switzerland and the United States, said Phaneuf.

—AFP ■



The Mayflower 400 autonomous trimaran during sea trials in Plymouth this week. PHOTO: AFP

Austria courts face fallout from ski resorts’ virus spread

THE last time Sieglinde Schopf hugged Hannes, her husband of almost 50 years, was before he boarded a train to go skiing in Austria’s popular Alpine province of Tyrol last March.

A few weeks later, in April, the 72-year-old, infected with coronavirus, died alone, hooked up to a hospital bed.

“My entire world shattered into pieces,” says Schopf, who had convinced her husband to go to Ischgl, which ended up becoming one of Europe’s coronavirus hotspots last year.

“I can’t forgive myself, because in the end, I sent him to his death.”

Now a year later, hers is one of 10 lawsuits filed by plaintiffs from Austria and Germany who seek compensation, alleging that Austrian authorities failed to respond quickly enough to coronavirus outbreaks in Ischgl and other resorts.

More than 6,000 people from 45 countries claim they got infected -- the majority of them in Ischgl -- where unwitting tourists continued to ski, drink and party, while the virus was spreading, according to Austrian consumer rights association VSV, which is collecting the complaints.

‘Broad spectrum’ of suits

Schopf believes that her husband, a retired journalist and avid skier since his childhood, caught the virus during the panicked evacuation by bus, crammed with other tourists who were sneezing and coughing for three hours. When the Austrian called her husband on March 13 to tell him that Chancellor Sebastian Kurz had just announced a quarantine for Ischgl, “they were still on the ski slopes,” she told AFP. The widow is now suing the Republic of Austria for 100,000 euros (\$120,000) over her husband’s death.—AFP ■



Ischgl which lives almost entirely off tourism hopes to fill its hotels and restaurants over the upcoming summer. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Credit Suisse board member quits after financial fiascos

CREDIT Suisse announced Friday that one of its board members would step aside after shareholders called for his head following major losses linked to the collapses of the Archegos and Greensill financial firms.

The Swiss bank said in a brief statement that Andreas Gottschling, the head of the board’s risk committee, would not seek re-election at a general assembly later on Friday.

Credit Suisse has been hit hard by bankruptcies at Archegos, a US hedge fund, and British financial firm Greensill.

Shockwaves rippled through global financial markets and institutions last month when then little-known Archegos sold at least \$20 billion in stocks as it sought to cover obligations to its lenders. Losses at leading global banks have jumped past \$10 billion, with Credit Suisse accounting for around half of the damage.

Credit Suisse had also invested heavily in Greensill, a firm specialised in short-term corporate loans via a complex and opaque business model, and was forced to suspend four funds after the firm declared insolvency last month. —AFP ■

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US criticizes Ukraine dismissal of reformist energy chief

THE United States on Thursday voiced alarm over Ukraine's dismissal of the reform-minded head of the state-owned oil and gas company, urging its ally to do more to improve corporate governance.

The Ukrainian government on Wednesday sacked Naftogaz chief Andriy Kobolev, whose moves toward transparency won him support among Western investors, and suspended all members of the company's supervisory board.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said the United States was "deeply concerned" over the "calculated move," saying it showed "disregard for fair and transparent corporate governance practices."



Andriy Kobolev, who has been sacked as head of Ukrainian state energy company Naftogaz, addresses reporters in 2014. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

"Unfortunately, these actions are just the latest example of ignoring best practices and putting

Ukraine's hard-fought economic progress at risk," Price told reporters.

"We will continue to support Ukraine in strengthening its institutions, including advancing democratic institutions and corporate governance reforms, but Ukraine's leaders must do their part," he said. The United States and Western European nations are vital supporters of Ukraine, one of Europe's poorest countries that has been under longstanding pressure to address corruption.

The United States voiced solidarity with Ukraine earlier this month when Russia amassed troops on its border, raising fears.

Kobolev helped wean Ukraine off its dependence on Russian gas after Moscow in 2014 seized Crimea and war broke out in eastern Ukraine with Russian-backed separatists.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Giuliani says evidence seized during FBI raid will prove him 'innocent'

RUDY Giuliani, the ex-personal lawyer of Donald Trump, said Thursday the evidence collected during an FBI raid on his home as part of a probe into his dealings in Ukraine would prove him and the former president "innocent," slamming the government's investigation.

The former New York mayor told Fox News' Tucker Carlson that the electronic devices seized at his Manhattan residence and a separate office Wednesday would show he did not violate federal law while helping Trump look for dirt on political rival Joe Biden in Ukraine in 2019.

"The evidence is exculpatory. It proves the president and I and all of us are innocent," Giuliani said of the Ukraine dealings, for which the former president was later impeached.—AFP ■

Kyrgyzstan says ceasefire agreed with Tajikistan after clashes

KYRGYZSTAN said Thursday that three people, including a child, died in clashes at its disputed border with Tajikistan, shortly after announcing the Central Asian rivals had agreed to a ceasefire.

A statement from Kyrgyzstan's health ministry said the country had suffered 84 casualties during the fighting including three fatalities.

They included "a girl born in 2008", the health ministry said, adding that she had died while being rushed to hospital.

The clashes that erupted along the border between the two poor, mountainous coun-

tries were the heaviest in years.

Kyrgyzstan's foreign ministry said in a statement that a "complete ceasefire" had been agreed from 8:00 pm (1400 GMT) on Thursday, with armed forces returning to their bases.

Tajikistan did not immediately release an official statement on the agreement.

The two have been locked in border disputes for decades and sporadic firefights have broken out along the frontier for years.

But Thursday's clash between their two armies was rare and raised fears it might escalate into a wider conflict.—AFP ■



Kyrgyzstan's foreign ministry said that a "complete ceasefire" had been agreed on its disputed border with Tajikistan, with armed forces returning to their bases. **PHOTO: AFP**

Guantanamo detainee Abu Zubaydah to file complaint with UN agency

A Guantanamo Bay inmate alleges he was tortured by his American captors after the September 11 attacks and will file a complaint

with the UN Friday over his unending 19-year detention, his lawyer said.

Abu Zubaydah's lawyer Helen

Duffy said the complaint will be filed with the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention against the United States and six other countries, asking for intervention in his case.

The 50-year-old Saudi-born Palestinian, whose real name is Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, was detained in Pakistan in March 2002 on suspicions he was a senior member of Al-Qaeda who helped plan the 9/11 attacks.

According to his lawyer, he was handed over to the CIA, which moved him through a series of secret units in several countries where he was brutally interrogated.

He was the first of a series

of detainees to go through waterboarding and other now-banned techniques as US intelligence sought to force information from him about others in the jihadist group. In 2003 he was transferred to Guantanamo, where he has stayed ever since. US officials have since admitted he was never a member of Al-Qaeda or an important figure among Islamic extremists. Moreover, one of his interrogators, an FBI agent, has said that he cooperated easily before he was tortured, so that he had nothing to add once he was subjected to the CIA's extreme interrogation methods, which included 83 instances of waterboarding.—AFP ■



A guard tower at the US military's prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **PHOTO: AFP**

Israel pilgrimage stampede kills at least 44

A massive stampede at a densely packed Jewish pilgrimage site killed at least 44 people in northern Israel on Friday, with rescue workers facing chaotic crowds while trying to evacuate the injured.

The disaster occurred in Meron at the site of the reputed tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a second-century Talmudic sage, where mainly ultra-Orthodox Jews flock to mark the Lag BaOmer holiday.

Closed last year due to coronavirus restrictions, this year's pilgrimage was expected to be a celebratory event in a nation that has largely reopened thanks to a successful vaccination effort.

The pilgrimage was largest public gathering since the pandemic began, with reports that there were three times more people there than authorized. Initial reports indicated that the carnage began when a section of stadium seating collapsed but rescue workers later linked the casualties to a stampede.—AFP ■

“Aung La N Sang: I want to do two or three more fights this year”



Aung La N Sang (left) greets his rival Reinier De Ridder after their Light Heavyweight fight in Singapore on Thursday. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

AUNG LA N SANG said in his interview with the ONE Championship that he would like to challenge two or three more fights of ONE Championship Middleweight or Light Heavyweight divisions this year.

After suffering a shock loss to Reinier De Ridder in the Light Heavyweight World title clash in the main event of ONE Championship TNT IV event on Thursday, Aung La has revealed his strong desires plus feeling ahead of his next ONE Championship's journey.

“The damage is superficial, so I don't need much time off. I'm healthy, and I'll be back in training Monday. I want to do two or three more fights this year if ONE allows me to”, Aung La N Sang said. Aung La also gave messages to the people of Myanmar: “I need to work a little bit harder; put a little more time into the ground game. I don't think I'm proud of my performance,” Aung La N Sang said. “I'm sorry I didn't get the win. I'm really upset about that, but people, thank you for the support, thank you for love. Keep

fighting, keep doing what's right.

On the contrary, Aung La N Sang is hoping to regain his middleweight belt. “I'm done with a light heavyweight. I'm all middleweight now. I'm down to compete against anybody, but to be the best version of myself. I think middleweight is my home,” Aung La said.

“I think, stylistically, Brandon is a bad matchup for [Reinier]. I think he is biting off more than he can chew”, the former two-division ONE World Champion added.—GNLM ■

Tokyo Olympics could be held without fans: Games chief to AFP

THIS summer's virus-postponed Olympics could be held behind closed doors, Tokyo 2020 president Seiko Hashimoto told AFP on Friday, pledging to ensure the Games will be safe.

Former Olympian Hashimoto said the Games could only be a success if organisers “completely protect” athletes and people in Japan, and that she is hopeful people will “be glad” the event went ahead.

Overseas spectators have already been barred from the Games, and this week a decision on domestic fans was delayed until June, with organisers citing a new wave of infections in Japan.

“There might be a situation where we can't allow any spectators to attend,” Hashimoto conceded in an interview.

“The only way that we can call the Games a success is if we



The National Stadium (seen from the Shibuya Sky observation deck) is the main venue for the much-delayed Tokyo Games. **PHOTO: AFP**

completely protect the lives and health of athletes and the people of Japan.”

Most people in Japan back either a further delay of the Games or an outright cancellation, and a recent surge in virus cases has prompted a state of emergency in Tokyo and other parts of the country.

With the medical system al-

ready under pressure, Olympic organisers have been criticised for requesting volunteer medical staff for the Games.

Hashimoto said cutting spectators could ease pressure on the medical system.

“If the event itself does change, I think it will be with regard to spectators,” she said.

—AFP ■

Man Utd aim to keep Man City title celebrations on ice

MANCHESTER City could wrap up a third Premier League title in four seasons on Sunday, but Manchester United can keep their local rivals waiting by inflicting further damage on Liverpool's hopes of a return to the Champions League next season.

City's 10-point lead with just five games remaining means it is a matter of when, not if, they will collect the second trophy of a potential treble.

Pep Guardiola's men lifted the League Cup for the fourth consecutive season last weekend before taking a huge step towards the Champions League final with a 2-1 semi-final, first leg win away to Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday.

The return leg against

PSG is likely to play a big factor in Guardiola's team selection for Saturday's trip to Crystal Palace.

However, one of the hallmarks of City's success this season has been their strength in depth, giving Guardiola plenty of options should he choose to rotate his squad once more.

Raheem Sterling, Gabriel Jesus, Sergio Aguero, Fernandinho, Ferran Torres and Aymeric Laporte are among those who did not get off the bench in Paris in midweek and could start against the Eagles.

Palace have won just once in their last seven games as they meander towards the end of the season with safety in the top-flight secured for another season.

—AFP ■

Inter on brink of Serie A title as Juve battle for Champions League spot

INTER Milan are on the brink of the Serie A title which they could claim for the first time in over a decade this weekend while Juventus scramble for a Champions League spot.

Antonio Conte's Inter travel south to basement club Crotona on Saturday where a win would allow them to put one hand on a trophy they last won in 2010.

If Inter win and second-placed Atalanta, who are 11 points off top spot, fail to claim all three points at Sassuolo on Sunday, Inter will lift their 19th Serie A crown with four games to go.

Inter could also be crowned champions with a draw if Atalanta lose, but other results would have to go the league leaders' way.

Inter's Chinese president Steven Zhang returned to Milan this week for the run-in to the

title celebrations.

And despite the pressure midfielder Nicolò Barella said the team were in a “calm frame of mind” having come close last season.

Inter finished one point behind Juventus last year, having also lost the Europa League final in 2020 to Sevilla.

“We had the same objective last season. We lost a final and this galvanized us,” said Barella.

“We transformed the experience into something positive. This year, we're in the position we wanted to be in.

“We're a well-balanced side that has found an identity.”

Barella scored in Inter's 2-0 win over Juventus in the San Siro in January, “the match that made us aware of our strength,” the Italian said. —AFP ■



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